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Governor Baker Nominates Three to Supreme Judicial Court

Historic opportunity elevates three highly-qualified judges to serve as SJC Associate Justices



BOSTON – In an historic and unprecedented opportunity to uphold the tradition of excellence of the Commonwealth's highest court, Governor Charlie Baker [today nominated](#) Superior Court Justices Kimberly Budd, Frank Gaziano and David Lowy to serve as Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Judge Kimberly Budd, Judge Frank Gaziano, Judge David Lowy
Room 157, Press Briefing Room, Massachusetts State House
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Transcription:

GOVERNOR BAKER: The Lt. Governor and I are very proud to be here today with three extremely distinguished and experienced jurists that we are pleased to nominate to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. The Honorable Kimberly Budd, The Honorable Frank Gaziano, and The Honorable David Lowy.

Our nominees have all demonstrated measured and fair temperament, and outstanding legal knowledge and skills throughout their careers. In presiding over the most complicated civil and criminal matters in our state's Superior Courts, they have demonstrated every day that they are judges of the highest caliber and character.

JUDGE KIMBERLY BUDD: Good Afternoon I'd like to begin by offering my heartfelt thanks to the members and chairs of the Supreme Judicial Court Nominating Commission for nominating my name to the Governor, and of course my deepest gratitude goes to Governor for nominating me to serve the public as a member of the Commonwealth's highest court. I'm truly honored and humbled by his and Lt. Governor Polito's expression of confidence in me. I look forward to appearing before the Governor's Council and I hope that they see fit to confirm my nomination. If confirmed, the people of the Commonwealth can be insured that I will work very hard to carry out and fulfill my duties and responsibilities as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. Thank you.

JUDGE FRANK GAZIANO: Good Afternoon I am honored to stand before you as a nominee to the state's highest court. It is truly humbling to be nominated to a court whose mission is to preserve everybody's individual liberties in the state, to promote fairness among our citizens, to make sure litigants have in partial trials and to accommodate the rule of law. I am grateful as well to share this moment with my family, my wife Mary Ellen, my son Joe, and my daughter Kara, as well as my two colleagues from the Superior Court. I am thankful for the trust that the Governor and Lt. Governor place in me for this most important position. I also want to extend my gratitude to the Governor's Legal Counsel Lon Povich and to Sharon Casey as well. As

well the SJC nominating committee for putting my name forward to the Governor. I look forward to the confirmation process and look forward to discuss my qualifications with the Governor's Council. Thank you.

JUDGE DAVID LOWY: Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito, thank you for the confidence you've placed in me. The overwhelming feeling I have today is one of appreciation and humility. Thank you to Supreme Judicial Court Nominating Commission for their probing questions and their commitment to the nominating process. Thank you to Chief Legal Counsel Lon Povich and Deputy Legal Counsel Sharon Casey. They are truly dedicated public servants and thank you to my mentor Justice Robert Cordy from whom I learned what commitment to excellence means. All four of my grandparents came to this country seeking opportunity and freedom from oppression and prejudice. My grandfather escaped from Eastern Europe in the days before Nazi Germany invaded. My Mother Barbara, who is here today, and my father Marvin, made every sacrifice so that my sisters and I received unlimited opportunities and grew up in a home with unconditional love. I am keenly aware of how few people have been provided the opportunities that I have had since birth. Empathy, humility and reverence for the law will guide me every day if I am confirmed. I want to thank my family. I would not be standing here today without the love and support of my wife Virginia Buckingham, I have been blessed with two beautiful children Jack and Merit. I could not be more proud of you. I would like to thank the members of the Governor's Council. I look forward to answering each of their questions as honestly and frankly as possible. I have been before the Council on two prior occasions and I have deep respect for the role the Council preforms as part of our constitutional confirmation process. Should I be confirmed I would be honored to serve with my fellow nominees Judges Frank Gaziano and Kimberly Budd and each member of our supreme Judicial court. I only wish my father and Governor Paul Cellucci were alive to see how fortunate I am to be nominated to the Supreme Judicial Court. I will always honor their unyielding support and I can only hope someday to be as kind, wise and decent a man.

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